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Re: California Hospital Outcomes Project - Acute Myocardial Infarction

Dear Dr. Werdegar:

On behalf of Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital, I appreciate the opportunity to review the data from the California Hospital Outcomes Project on Acute Myocardial Infarction. Our organization is committed to cooperative and collaborative efforts in improving the quality of patient care.

We have noted the small sample size for our Marina facility which could limit the analysis of the data into significant information. We also recognize that the usefulness of any data is dependent upon the timeliness of data collection, evaluation, and reporting. While the variables studied are relevant, the findings are outdated. Practice patterns have changed since 1993, and, therefore, it is difficult to utilize this information in any comparative manner that is meaningful.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these findings. We look forward to any efforts that would be helpful in producing more timely reports.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Dunn, PhD Chief Executive Officer Office of the President

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